

## **REMARKS**

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

Respectfully submitted,

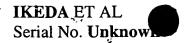
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## **VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

## IN THE CLAIMS

- 4. (Amended) The method of producing an alkaline storage battery described in any one of claims 1 to 3claim 1, wherein the solvent in the solvent- attaching step contains the binder.
- 5. (Amended) The method of producing an alkaline storage battery described in any one of claims 1 to 3claim 1, wherein attaching of the solvent in the solvent-attaching step is carried out by spraying.
- 6. (Amended) The method of producing an alkaline storage battery described in any one of claims 1 to 3claim 1, wherein the electrode is hydrogen absorbing alloy electrode using a hydrogen absorbing alloy as the active material, which can reversibly carrying out electrochemical absorbing and desorbing of hydrogen.
- 9. (Amended) The method of producing an alkaline storage battery described in claim 7-or 8, wherein the amount of the solvent for the binder attaching to the surface of the dry electrode is from  $3 \times 10^{-5}$  g/mm<sup>2</sup> to  $5 \times 10^{-5}$  g/mm<sup>2</sup> per unit area of the above-described negative electrode.
- 13. (Amended) The method of producing a hydrogen absorbing alloy electrode described in claim 11-or-12, further includes a low-temperature drying step of drying, after the solvent-attaching step, the electrode attached with the solvent at a temperature lower than the drying temperature in the above-described drying step.